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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
BENEFIT ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 RECOMMENDATIONS
BOARD AGENDA DATE: MAY 27, 2008**

Our report recommending that your Board continue the levying of a Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-09 at the same rate that is currently in effect was adopted by your Board on May 6, 2008 (*Agenda Item No. 65*). The required public hearing date is set for May 27, 2008. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, my recommendation is to approve the levy for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

The LACFCD Benefit Assessment will provide over 35 percent of the funding for this item available to the LACFCD for this fiscal year. The revenue generated by the LACFCD Benefit Assessment is used in conjunction with property tax revenues and other limited revenues available to the LACFCD to maintain the County flood control system in a safe and effective operating condition; respond to storm threats and flood-related emergencies; advise and regulate development in high flood hazard areas; repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities including remediation of seismic deficiencies of our dams; and implement new flood protection, water conservation, and water quality projects through our watershed management approach. Revenue from the Benefit Assessment is also used to finance compliance with the LACFCD National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

Since the proposed LACFCD Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008-09 does not increase the existing assessment rate or change the assessment formula, it is not subject to the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which provides an exemption for certain assessments including those for flood control that existed on November 6, 1996.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Diego Cadena, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4008 or dcadena@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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